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NEWS RELEASE

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Dr. Kenneth E. Norris, M.A., Ph.D.

Dr. Norris was born on March 15th, 1903, in Perth, Ontario, where he graduated from high school. He was engaged in newspaper work for a short period in Perth and in Ottawa. He was also on the staff of the Ottawa YMCA which he left to attend McGill University. His doctorate was obtained from McGill in the field of psychology.

In 1929 Dr. Norris was appointed Registrar of Sir George Williams College (now University). He was appointed Vice-Principal in 1935 and Principal in 1936. He served the University as Principal from 1936 to his retirement in 1956 through a most critical and important period of its development. On his retirement he was appointed Principal Emeritus. He died on October 23rd, 1957.

Although Dr. Norris was thoroughly devoted to the administration of Sir George Williams University, he was a man of broad interests and served as an officer in many organizations. He was for a term the President of the Association of YMCA Schools and Colleges. Locally he was active in community affairs including his church, the Rotary Club of Montreal and several social agencies. He was President of the Occupational Therapy and Rehabilitation Centre of Montreal.

Dr. Norris was the author of many articles and papers in his own field, educational psychology. His best known work is a book entitled "The Three R's and the Adult Worker".

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NEW BUILDING

LOCATION

Burnside Street, from Bishop to Mackay Streets, extending north about 280 feet towards Sherbrooke Street. This location has been selected for its accessibility, particularly to evening students, and because it can be integrated with existing facilities.

OPENING DATE

Demolition started in November, 1963. Construction is now underway and the building should be ready for occupancy by September 1966.

BASIC FEATURES OF DESIGN

Ten floors is the maximum height for efficiency in a university building because of the large number of students moving when classes change.

Vertical transportation is taken care of by a set of escalators, two passenger elevators and one service elevator.

The building is entirely air conditioned, so that maximum efficiency is assured particularly for the summer term.

The building is in the shape of a cube, this makes for most efficient use of downtown land, minimizes distances within the building and is economical to construct.

This proposed building will be used in conjunction with the present University building; facilities will be divided between the two buildings.

CAPACITY OF BUILDINGS

The University's expansion plans are based on an expected enrollment of 5,000 day students and 10,000 evening students by 1970.

Present enrollment is: Day Division: 3,050; Evening Division: 7,643; summer (1963 evening division only): 1,969.

The new building will allow 4,000 day students to be accommodated immediately and all of the laboratory, cafeteria, and other facilities of a fixed nature are designed for the ultimate enrollment of 5,000 day and 10,000 evening students.

The University will be able to develop the scope of its academic program and offer the 5 year degree program in Engineering and introduce graduate work.

PRINCIPAL FEATURES OF THE NEW BUILDING

The following will be located in the new building: Science Library and the reserved section of the library (the main library will expand in the present building); 42 classrooms, 15 seminar rooms, 10 auditoria ranging in size from 100 to 650 seats and Faculty offices; 47 undergraduate laboratories of various sizes, 37 smaller laboratories for research and graduate work and other related facilities for the Natural Sciences and Engineering; Psychology laboratory, Sociology workroom, two language laboratories, Computer Center, Fine Arts studio and exhibition hall; 350 seat theater auditorium; cafeteria and snack bars; 4 student common rooms and a student activities center.

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